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Docket No.: 050049-0041

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

n re Application of

Customer Number: 20277

Hiroyuki TAKAHASHI, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1743

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Examiner: Paul Sang Hwa Hyun

For: REAGENT VESSEL CAP AND METHOD FOR SHIELDING REAGENT FROM THE AIR

STATUS INQUIRY

Mail Stop Status Inquiry Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on November 21, 2003. Since more than two years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before February 8, 2004 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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